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ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM II).

The members of the Security Council will recall that, by its resolution 696 of 30 May 1991, the Security Council decided to establish UNAVEM II for a period of 17 months from the date of the adoption of that resolution, that is until 30 October 1992. On 24 March 1992, in its resolution 747 (1992), the Security Council further decided to enlarge the mandate of UNAVEM II to include verification of the elections, which eventually took place on 29 and 30 September 1992.

In my letter of 27 October 1992 to you, I described the difficulties which have arisen in Angola since those elections, including the lack of agreement between the two parties to the Peace Accords for Angola on arrangements for the holding of a second round of the presidential elections. Both parties have declared their wish that UNAVEM II should play a role in organizing and verifying that round when it takes place.

The members of the Security Council will also recall that on 22 September 1992 the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Angola addressed to me a letter (S/24585) in which he conveyed the request of the Angolan Government for an extension of the activities of UNAVEM II until 31 December 1992, the date which that Government believed to be reasonable for the conclusion of the whole process of democratization in the Republic of Angola. Given the uncertainties that have arisen following the elections of 29 and 30 September 1992, I have deferred making a recommendation to the Security Council about this request.

In these circumstances, I see no alternative but to recommend that the Security Council extend the existing mandate of UNAVEM II for an interim period of 31 days, that is until 30 November 1992. I hope that, with the cooperation of the two parties to the Peace Accords, I shall then be in a better position to make a substantive recommendation on the future mandate and strength of UNAVEM II.

I should be grateful if you would bring the contents of this letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI